

was sworn in as a Port Gibson City Policeman in April of 1967, taking this oath gave him permission to carry a weapon in the city, making him the first official black policeman for the City of Port Gibson. Later in life, he was afforded an employment opportunity at one of the great Historically Black University, Alcorn State University. He served in the capacity of Campus Police Officer for 8 years. His great leadership quality and abilities lead him to be offered the Chief of Campus Security position. He served in this capacity for a total of 11½ years. He celebrated his retirement at the age of 58 in 1992. After a few months into his retirement he decided to become a Deputy for the Claiborne County Sheriff Department from 1993 to the present. He also works in his store F & J's (Faye & Joe); the store is a very special place for the children of his community.

Mr. Joseph Davis joined Christian Chapel Church in 1957 under the direction of Elder T. E. Harris. He has served the church as a junior deacon, a deacon, Chairman of the Board (two terms), Christian Men Fellowship (two terms) and has volunteered on many committees; he presently serves as an Elder.

Mr. Joseph Davis is a graduate of Alcorn State University with a BA in Sociology, a member of the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, St. John's Lodge #4, a Charter Member of the NAACP, two time President of the Claiborne County Branch of the NAACP, a former member of the Board of Governors for the Claiborne County Family Health Center Community Health Center, and a former leader for Boy Scout Troop #253.

Mr. Joseph Davis has been married to Faye Vera (Holt) Davis for 52 years. They are the parents of four children: Belinda, Joseph, Jr., Myrtle and Patrick.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN ABNEY CULBERSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 15, 2011

Mr. CULBERSON. Mr. Speaker, on February 14, 2011, I was unable to be present for all rollcall votes due to illness. If present, I would have voted accordingly on the following rollcall votes: rollcall No. 35—nay; rollcall No. 36—aye.

HONORING MATTIE KNIGHT WASHINGTON—EDUCATOR AND COMMUNITY ACTIVIST

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 15, 2011

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mattie Knight Washington. Ms. Washington, the sixth of fourteen children was born and raised in rural Yazoo County, Mississippi. Mrs. Mattie Knight Washington—an outstanding educator and community activist; first and foremost professes God to be her personal Savior. With the firm belief

that family is the most basic and important institution in society, Mrs. Washington proudly represents the adage “a Knight in shining armor”! She is a fine example of bravery, heroism, courtesy, and generosity. This celebrated woman is the epitome of courage, strength and love.

A trailblazer in the area of education, Mattie Bee (as she is affectionately called) learned her first lessons in a home where she was raised by God-fearing parents amid several siblings and members of her extended families. During her teen years she entered Jackson State College (JSU) where she worked very diligently to earn her General Education Diploma (GED). She pursued her goals and later earned a Bachelor of Science, making her first in her family to attend college. Being thirsty for knowledge she obtained a Masters of Science and Education Specialist degrees, all at her dear JSU. Although she has completed further studies at Delta State University, Mississippi State University, and the University of Southern Mississippi, Jackson State remains her “school of the heart.” She has served as president of the local chapter of the Jackson State University National Alumni Association.

Mrs. Washington has not only taught for over 32½ years, retiring in 2004, but she also displays her strong desires to give every child the opportunity to be educated and expand their experiences through sponsorship/coordination of many successful educational field trips for students in Yazoo County to various sites in Mississippi, as well as Tennessee, Louisiana, Florida, New York, and the nation's capital—Washington, DC. A lifetime member of the Mississippi Association of Educators (MAE) and the National Educators Association (NEA), Mrs. Washington takes pride in teaching children to find a love for education within them. She actively participates in educational enhancement programs and projects in the community, including the G.A. Carmichael Family Health Center, the Yazoo County Chamber of Commerce-Competitive Community, Adopt-A-School Programs, serves as a board member of the Historical Preservation Society, and is an Election Commissioner.

Reflecting on the biblical passage “The Lord loves a cheerful giver. (11 Corinthians 9:6–7), Mrs. Mattie K. Washington is a strong supporter of the church. Having served in various capacities, particularly in the organization of the Youth Choir, she was one of the first three members of King Solomon Missionary Baptist Church to make a sizeable monetary contribution to the renovation efforts of its fellowship hall. She also assists other community churches in their efforts.

Mattie believes in balance in her life, so she not only gives materialistically, but she also gives of herself through donation of her time and talents. She was the first African-American woman to have started a catering service in Yazoo County, and still enjoys cooking and baking for large numbers of people. One will still find this being displayed over the last 26 years as she honors the Mother Board of King Solomon's Church with an elaborate tribute dinner, where her culinary prowess is demonstrated. She thoroughly enjoys lauding others for their good work so she often takes on sponsoring dinners for the Police Dept., the Mayor and Board of Alderman, as well as fam-

ily gatherings where city, state, and national officials come to break bread also. This year was her first year spearheading the “Make a Difference Day” event that was formally headed by nationally acclaimed local sponsor, Ms. Leola Dillard.

People from all walks of life, ages, and ethnic backgrounds have benefitted from Mattie's contributions. Her philosophy of whether you are prince or pauper, queen or maid, you will find the same warm, friendly welcome to her home, heart, and life. (She is still educating through modeling!)

Mrs. Washington attributes her inspiration to be an educator from the following: her parents, Roosevelt and Minnie Vaughan Knight, who were not afforded the opportunity to obtain formal education; daughter, Debra Knight Howard, an educated business leader; Joseph G. Williams, a fellow educator, who all preceded her in death; supported by her loving husband, George Washington; daughter, Jennifer Washington; and grandchildren, Deidra, David B., Draven Howard, and A.J. Washington; along with her 13 siblings and countless other relatives, friends and associates.

Mrs. Mattie Knight Washington lives to “make a difference,” symbolizing courage, strength and love.

THE INTRODUCTION OF THE WASHINGTON CHANNEL BILL

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 15, 2011

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, this non-controversial bill, which the House passed by unanimous consent in the 111th Congress, will allow development at the Southwest Waterfront in the District of Columbia. This bill will benefit not only D.C. residents, but also regional residents, businesses and national and international visitors, by permitting the District to extend docks and increase recreation and maritime activity just an eyeshot from the U.S. Capitol. The District urgently needs this bill to finalize plans for the Southwest Waterfront, which it hopes to convert into an attractive location for residents and visitors alike.

In order for the District to make these improvements, the Federal Government must redesignate part of the water designated by the Federal Government as the Washington Channel, so that more and larger docks can be built by the District to accommodate increased boating and waterside activity. The original width of the Washington Channel was established in the early 1800s, prior to the construction of East Potomac Park, to accommodate industrial and maritime commerce at the Southwest Waterfront. Today, however, the Southwest Waterfront is no longer a major port and does not accommodate large vessels. In fact, the U.S. Coast Guard, the U.S. Navy and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers have agreed that this redesignation will not affect navigation interests or adversely affect navigation safety.

I ask Members to support this non-controversial change to reinvigorate the Southwest Waterfront for the city, region and visitors to enjoy.

HONORING THE REVEREND EDWARD JOSEPH HILDEBRANDT, JR.

HON. STEVEN R. ROTHMAN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 15, 2011

Mr. ROTHMAN of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Reverend Edward Joseph Hildebrandt, Jr., and celebrate a life dedicated to serving the American people. On the ninth anniversary of his passing, I would like to commemorate the selflessness and devotion that Reverend Hildebrandt exemplified in every aspect of his work.

Reverend Hildebrandt was born on June 7, 1940, in Hoboken, New Jersey. His family life was difficult, and he grew up protecting and providing for his siblings in their broken and often abusive home. He eventually enlisted in the Army, serving for 4 years as a military policeman, including a tour of duty in Korea where he was stationed at the Korean Demilitarized Zone. After leaving the military, Reverend Hildebrandt worked as a union leader and postal clerk in the Carlstadt and East Rutherford Annex Post Offices. He also worked part-time as a house painter and metal foundry worker. Reverend Hildebrandt was never idle, providing for his family as well as others in their community. He would often invite less fortunate families into his home until they were able to get back on their feet.

Reverend Hildebrandt's strong desire to serve people and improve his community led to his becoming a deacon in the Roman Catholic Church in the late 1970s. He ministered to parishioners at churches in Little Ferry, Garfield, and East Rutherford; however, he would happily minister to those in need—people did not have to be a member of his congregation to receive his attention. With a growing population of Korean immigrants in his community, Reverend Hildebrandt used the cultural knowledge he gained during his military service in Korea to communicate with and provide aid to many families. He also served his community as a Boy Scout leader, Little League coach, and as a member of both the Knights of Columbus and the Rosary Altar Society. Reverend Hildebrandt was a published poet, part of the Hoboken Historic Society, and involved with the National Park Service. He was a founding member of New Kid Ministries in Stockholm, New Jersey.

Despite his deep involvement in many aspects of his community, Reverend Hildebrandt's most proud accomplishment was his 39-year marriage to his wife Rosemarie Ali Hildebrandt, and the nine children they raised together in the Borough of Carlstadt. He was also blessed with four grandchildren. Reverend Hildebrandt's passing on February 2, 2002, was a tremendous loss for both his family and the community which he served.

Mr. Speaker, today I would like to honor the life of Reverend Edward Joseph Hildebrandt, Jr., and join his family and friends in fondly remembering his many years of devoted service to the people of Northern New Jersey.

HONORING JOYCE ROBINSON

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 15, 2011

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Joyce Robinson. Ms. Robinson was born on December 8, 1954 to Doris Murray and Charles Welch. She attended Crystal Springs High School. She married Eugene Robinson on October 2, 1972. They have two sons, Eugene Robinson II and Jarvis Robinson. Joyce works for the George Harris Building Company located in Hazlehurst, MS.

She attends Brushy Creek Baptist Church where she serves in the sanctuary choir, vice president of mission ministry, secretary of the mother ministry and church clerk. She is a member of the Heroines of Jericho, Hopewell Court 118. She is also a member of the Hazlehurst Schools' PTA.

She takes care of her mom who are and other senior citizens in the Crystal Springs area. Many of the senior citizens, who are Veterans of the Civil Rights Movement, depend on Joyce to help them in completing their absentee ballots. She does voter registration throughout Copiah County. During Hurricane Katrina, Joyce assisted in preparing meals for the displaced. She is always a "helping hand" to her neighbors.

HONORING DR. TIM BURLINGAME

HON. GARY G. MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 15, 2011

Mr. GARY G. MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise in memory of Dr. Tim Burlingame, a great American who faithfully and tirelessly served the community and inspired thousands of young people to better themselves through the word of God.

From 1980 to 1984, I had the pleasure of working with Dr. Burlingame as a member of the Board of Directors of Sunrise Christian School. Dr. Burlingame dutifully worked to ensure his students received the finest academic and religious education from preschool to eighth grade. In August 2010, Dr. Burlingame retired from Sunrise Christian School as head administrator, a position he held for 35 years.

Dr. Burlingame generously gave his time to many educational causes. He served as a board member for the Western Christian School and the Association of Christian Schools International where he also acted as commissioner. He was a leader whose impact was undoubtedly felt well beyond the San Gabriel Valley communities to which he was so devoted.

Dr. Burlingame was an exceptional community volunteer. He was an active member of the Rotary Club, the Covina Planning Commission and a Director for the Covina Chamber of Commerce where he served a term as President.

On October 28, 2010, Dr. Burlingame left our mortal world and returned home to God.

Dr. Burlingame was a devoted Christian, loving husband, father, grandfather and valued community leader. I am proud of his many ac-

complishments and contributions. He has made a lasting mark on my life and countless others.

Mr. Speaker, I respectfully ask that this Congress join me in honoring the memory of Dr. Tim Burlingame, a truly great American.

A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING THE HONORABLE J. TIMOTHY CAMPBELL IN HONOR OF HIS SERVICE AS GREENE COUNTY JUDGE

HON. STEVE AUSTRIA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 15, 2011

Mr. AUSTRIA. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the people of Ohio's Seventh Congressional District, I am honored to recognize Judge J. Timothy Campbell for his outstanding efforts of preserving justice in the Greene County Community.

In receiving this distinguished tribute, Judge Campbell has been recognized as an exemplary elected official. Judge Campbell has dedicated nine years to Greene County serving as a Judge in the Greene County Common Pleas Court. Throughout his 37 years of practicing law, he has accepted many roles that range from serving as an Assistant Greene County Prosecutor to serving on educational and service boards. Along with his practice of law Judge Campbell is a renowned author and has published many articles and educational publications. Judge Campbell has also shared time as an instructor and faculty member at RETS College and Wilmington College. He has shown himself to be a prominent and hardworking member of the Greene County community.

Judge Campbell is the epitome of selflessness, commitment and impartial justice. He has demonstrated sincere dedication to providing equality and justice in Greene County. It is his exemplary efforts that assist the progress of our nation in fairly and efficiently protecting our citizens.

Thus, with great pride, I congratulate Judge J. Timothy Campbell for his commendable service to the community and extend best wishes for the future.

HONORING MANUEL WELCH

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 15, 2011

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Manuel Welch, a retired Copiah County District Four Supervisor, born in Copiah County in the Shady Grove community. He attended Shady Grove School and joined Shady Grove M. B. church at an early age. Later his family moved into the Crystal Springs School District where he attended school. He graduated from Holtzclaw High School and soon after graduation obtained a summer job at the GEM plant.

Manuel attended Utica Junior College for one year. He received his first full-time job at a furniture plant in Jackson where he worked for 20 years. He found another job interest as he became a Tax Preparer in 1978.